

Appeal made to save Belleville tower

BELLEVILLE — A local businessman appealed to city council Monday to save the old city water tower, which is slated for demolition because council feels renovation would be too costly.

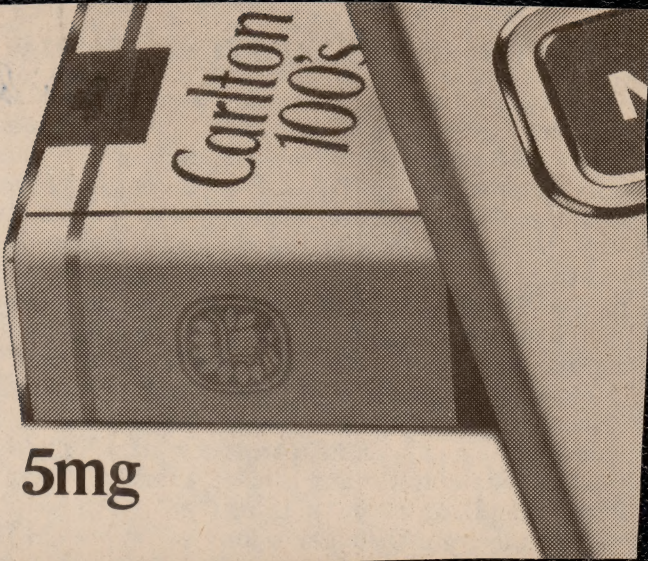
Ted Tooten, owner of Hoot's Chickenanny Inc., 146 High, called the water tower an historical landmark. He noted school children from Ann Arbor come to Belleville on field trips just to see the tower and hear a siren go off at noon to bring farmers in from their fields for

lunch.

Tooten warned council once the tower is torn down, it could never be rebuilt because of height restrictions associated with Belleville's proximity to Willow Run Airport.

Hooten was told if enough local business owners and residents are interested in saving the tower and willing to help finance its renovation, council would reconsider its decision to tear it down.

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